

# TZ extends gratitude to India

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INDIA is set to conduct an artificial limbs fitment camp for about 500 disabled people at Muhimbili Orthopaedic Institute (MOI) in May, as part of continuous support by the country to Tanzania's health sector.

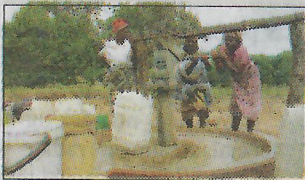
The Indian High Commissioner to Tanzania, Mr Sandeep Arya revealed the mission in Dar es Salaam during India Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Day, to salute over 400 Tanzanian officials and specialists who benefited from various short courses in India in this financial year.

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According to him, India has also proposed a tele-education programme in five universi-

ties as well as a tele-medicine programme in five hospitals in Tanzania, for which the agreement will be concluded in the near future.

Mr Arya said the technical training and capacity building courses pertained to areas such as ICT including computer software and services, health care, financial tools and entrepreneurship development.

Others are managing water sources, energy and power, technologies, agricultural techniques, small scale industries, rural development, management skills, human resources planning, among others.

On his part, the Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, Prof James Mdoe, who represented the minister, commented that the cordial relationship between the two countries yielded many benefits.

He said in 2017, the Tanzanian government received 131,000 copies of secondary school mathematics and science books from the

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government of India, which had been highly beneficial for students.

"We are pleased to also note that the Indian Government is supporting other sectors, including Health. I am aware that in September, 2018, the Minister for Health received medicines worth 2bn/- as a grant...In addition, a cancer treatment facility - Bhabhatron-II Telecobalt Unit, along with radiotherapy simulator, was set up at Bugando Medical Centre, Mwanza in 2017... also as a grant project from India," he said.